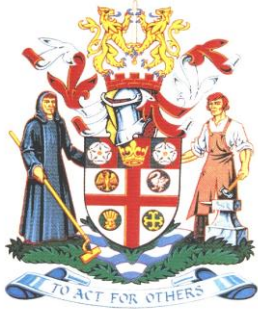


# Selby District Council



## Minutes

### Executive

Venue:	Committee Room, Civic Centre, Selby
Date:	6 March 2014
Present:	Councillor M Crane (Chair), C Lunn, J Mackman and C Metcalfe.
Officers present:	Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director S151, Director, Solicitor to the Council, Business Manager (ES), Lead Officer – Contracts, Democratic Services Manager and Graduate Trainee.
Also Present:	Councillor J Crawford
Public:	0
Press:	0

NOTE: Only minute numbers 86, 87, 89, 90 and 91 are subject to call-in arrangements. The deadline for call-in is 5pm on 18th of March 2014. Decisions not called in may be implemented on 19 of March 2014.

#### **83. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs G Ivey.

#### **84. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 6 February 2014 were submitted and agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 85. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor J Mackman declared that he had registered as an “other interest” his role on the Selby and District Housing Trust. He stayed in the room during the consideration but did not vote on items 7 and 8 on the agenda (Housing Development St Joseph’s Street, Tadcaster and 43 Kirkgate, Tadcaster). He also declared that he had registered as an “other interest” his role on the Selby Internal Drainage Board (Selby IDB). He stayed in the room during the consideration and voting on item 4 on the agenda (Works to Culvert on Portholme Road – key decision).

Councillor M Crane declared that he had registered as an ‘other interest’ his role on the Selby IDB. He stayed in the room during consideration and voting on item 4 on the agenda (Works to Culvert on Portholme Road – key decision). He declared that he had registered as an “other interest” his employment with HMRC. He stayed in the room during consideration and voting on items 7 and 8 on the agenda (Housing Development St Joseph’s Street, Tadcaster and 43 Kirkgate, Tadcaster) – both reports made reference to the tax implications of the proposals.

Councillors C Metcalfe and C Lunn also declared that they had registered as an “other interest” their roles on the Selby IDB. They stayed in the room during consideration and voting on item 4 on the agenda (Works to Culvert on Portholme Road – key decision)

At this point the Executive discussed the highways proposals for Finkle Street and Micklegate, Selby. The Executive requested that the Chief Executive write to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) asking that no action be taken until detailed dialogue had taken place between the two councils.

### **Resolved:**

**To request the Chief Executive write to NYCC asking that no further action be taken regarding the highways proposals for Finkle Street and Micklegate, Selby, until detailed dialogue has taken place between the two councils.**

## 86. Works to Culvert Portholme Road Key Decision

Councillor M Crane presented the report on a blockage to a drainage culvert on Portholme Road, Selby. As the blockage, which had been caused by tree roots, was under Council owned land, the responsibility for repair, and any resulting liabilities, lay with the Council.

The Executive discussed the effects of repairing the culvert on the trees within that area.

**Resolved:**

- i. To approve the funding to enable the specification and procurement of repairs to the blocked culvert located under Portholme Road playing field;**
- ii. To delegate authority to a Director of Access Selby, following procurement, to award contracts in order to expedite the repairs.**

Reason for the decision:

The financial risk from flooding and associated claims will remain with the Council until such time as repairs have been affected. Approval of funding and expediting the award of contract will mitigate the financial and reputational risk to the Council.

**87. Contaminated Land Strategy**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the new Contaminated Land Strategy 2013 – 2018 for Selby District.

Councillor M Crane set out that the Strategy explains how sites would be identified and prioritised and how land would be dealt with if it was felt that harm was being caused. The Executive acknowledged that contaminated land had potentially significant cost implications for the Council and it was important that the risks and issues were understood.

**Resolved:**

**To approve the Contaminated Land Strategy 2013-18.**

Reasons for the decision:

To comply with the Council's statutory duties with regard to contaminated land within the District.

**88. Selby Leisure Village**

This item had been removed from the agenda.

**89. Housing Development St Joseph's Street, Tadcaster**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the revised Business Case for St Joseph's Street, Tadcaster, which considered the options

for the scheme in the light of changes following the development of a more detailed business case.

Councillor M Crane set out that following the agreement of the outline business case in November 2013, more detailed work had been undertaken. This work had identified that compliance with a specific planning condition would increase the costs of the scheme by around £60k.

The Executive considered four options for the scheme. It was felt that the two most feasible options to meet the additional costs were option three; to sell one of the properties outright on the open market or option four; to subsidise the scheme. After considering each option the Executive decided that option three represented the best way to progress the scheme.

**Resolved:**

- i. To approve the revised business case;**
- ii. To approve option 3 as the preferred approach;**
- iii. To approve the amended offer to Selby District Housing Trust;**
- iv. To delegate power to approve the transfer and agree the final sum and terms in accordance with this 'in principle' approval' to the s151 Officer after consultation with the Lead Member for Resources and the Solicitor to the Council.**

Reasons for the decision

To provide affordable general needs housing in Selby District as identified in the evidence supporting the Core Strategy.

**90. Housing Development 43 Kirkgate, Tadcaster**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the revised Business Case for 43 Kirkgate, Tadcaster. Councillor M Crane set out that, following the agreement of the outline business case in November 2013, more detailed work had been undertaken.

The Executive heard that following a condition survey on the property and notification of the expected planning conditions for the change of use, it had been necessary to revisit the business case and refer the matter back to the Executive as the assumptions underlying the previous "in principle" approval had changed.

**Resolved:**

- i. To approve the revised Business Case;**
- ii. To approve in principle the amended offer to Selby District Housing Trust;**
- iii. To delegate power to approve the transfer and agree the final sum and terms in accordance with this 'in principle approval' to the s151 Officer after consultation with the Lead Member for Resources and the Solicitor to the Council.**

Reasons for the decision

To provide affordable general needs housing in Selby District as identified in the evidence supporting the Core Strategy.

**91. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes**

Councillor M Crane presented the report on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes.

In considering the report, the Executive asked that Scrutiny Committee consider the addition of Travel Services to its work programme for 2014/15.

**Resolved:**

**To note the Overview and Scrutiny work programmes and recommend their submission to Council for approval.**

Reason for the decision:

That the Council ensures the contribution of Scrutiny is effective in supporting service improvement and delivery against district wide and Council priorities.

The meeting closed at 4.41 pm